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SCHOOLS EG +\$1,781,043 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1

Provides for training to prevent human trafficking at public elementary and secondary schools and provides for victims' services. (gov siq)

Proposed legislation requires each city, parish, or other local public school board and each public charter school board to adopt policies for the prevention, identification, reporting, and assistance of human trafficking victims. Requires LDOE, in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention, to identify and provide information on available training curricula to school boards. Requires each school to designate a school counselor or administrator to receive annual advanced training on human trafficking prevention and to maintain and report records of training completion to its governing board. Transfers responsibility for the identification of victims and coordination of benefits for individuals ages 18 through 21 from DCFS and LDH to the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention. It further requires DCFS to provide advocacy services for minor victims and youth ages 18 through 21. Provides for the establishment and operation of care coordination teams to investigate child trafficking cases and coordinate a multidisciplinary response. It authorizes and formalizes existing care coordination activities and interagency information sharing by extending existing multidisciplinary investigative team protocol requirements for child abuse investigations to care coordination teams handling child trafficking cases, including provisions for confidentiality and information sharing.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$1,781,043	\$1,781,043	\$1,781,043	\$1,781,043	\$1,781,043	\$8,905,215
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is anticipated to increase expenditures for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) by approximately \$1.8 M SGF beginning in FY 27 due to the expansion of required advocacy services. Currently, DCFS provides advocacy services to minors (under age 18) who are victims of sex trafficking. Proposed legislation expands eligibility to include minors who are victims of labor trafficking and youth ages 18 through 21 for both sex and labor trafficking. While the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention will lead coordination for these victims, services will continue to be delivered in collaboration with DCFS and other agencies. Proposed legislation also clarifies and formalizes existing care coordination and interagency information sharing by providing explicit statutory authority and aligning such efforts with existing multidisciplinary investigative team protocols; any associated fiscal impact is expected to be minimal and administrative in nature.

DCFS reports an average contractual rate of \$40.30 per victim per day and estimates that an additional 121 victims will qualify under the proposed legislation. Assuming an average service duration of one year (365 days), total estimated costs are \$1,781,043 (121 × \$40.30 × 365).

Note: DCFS reports that it does not currently utilize Title IV-E federal funding for human trafficking advocacy services, as its state plan does not allow reimbursement for all populations served and not all contracted services are eligible. Although the department is evaluating potential amendments to its Title IV-E plan, any changes would require federal approval and completion of a time study and are not expected within the next fiscal year. To the extent federal funding becomes available in the future, state costs could be partially offset; however, such offsets are uncertain and dependent on eligibility and service mix. Accordingly, expenditures are reflected as SGF in this fiscal note.

The proposed legislation may result in a minimal increase in local fund expenditures if required human trafficking training cannot be incorporated into existing professional development activities; however, such costs are expected to be absorbable. Free training resources are available through DCFS, the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and other organizations. Local school boards are also expected to absorb costs associated with developing policies and maintaining documentation required for compliance with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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